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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: PREPARATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR
OF THE CHILD (ITEM 19)

REF: GENEVA 5795

1. UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LABOUISSSE INTRODUCED
DOCUMENT E/6010 DEALING WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE IYC
(INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD). STATEMENT EMPHASIZED
THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH
SO FAR AMOUNT ONLY TO \$1.585 MILLION OF THE \$4.7 MILLION
REQUIRED. (CONTRIBUTORS ARE: IRAN \$100 THOUSAND, NETHERLANDS \$500 THO
USAND, INDIA \$100 THOUSAND, NORWAY \$500 THOUSAND, CANADA \$100 THOUSAN
D, PHILIPPINES \$100 THOUSAND, SWITZERLAND \$50 THOUSAND, AUSTRIA \$35 T
HOUSAND.)
(COPY POUCHES CHESKY, IO/DHP.)

2. LABOUISSSE INDICATED THAT IF BY NOVEMBER 1978 UNICEF
PLEDGING CONFERENCE, NEITHER ADEQUATE PLEDGES OR AT
LEAST FIRM INDICATIONS OF INTENTIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO
THE IYC OPERATIONS ARE NOT MADE HE WILL "ASK THE GENERAL
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ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW THE WHOLE MATTER AND TO CONSIDER ONCE
AGAIN THE PROS AND CONS OF TRYING TO PURSUE THIS VERY
IMPORTANT ENDEAVOR."

3. JAPAN, FRG AND NEW ZEALAND INDICATED THEY WERE PREPARED
TO CONTRIBUTE TO IYC, SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL, BUT
NONE SPECIFIED AMOUNTS. THSE AND OTHER DELS WHO SPOKE

IN GENERAL DEBATE (IRAN, FRANCE, PAKISTAN, NETHERLANDS, USSR, UK, NORWAY, AUSTRIA) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF REPORT AND UNICEF PREPARATIONS. GENERAL DEBATE UNDER THIS SUB-ITEM WILL CONCLUDE MONDAY, JULY 18, PROBABLY INCLUDING INTRODUCTION OF PHILIPPINES DRAFT RESOLUTION. (SEE REFTEL.)

4. LABOUISSIE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT (A) A UN AGENCY ADVISORY GROUP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND IS FUNCTIONING; (B) A SINGLE NGO COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR EXISTS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL DIFFERENT GROUPS ACCREDITED TO UN AGENCIES (FIRST TIME THIS HAS EVEN BEEN DONE); AND (C) A MEETING WITH SEVERAL BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AGENCIES IS BEING PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 1977. VANDEN HEUVEL

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